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SUBJECT: NOMINATION FOR CHAIRMANSHIP OF IEA COMMITTEE
ON ENERGY R&D (CRD)

1. IN VIEW OF SCHMIDT-KUESTER'S EXPRESSED DESIRE TO STEP

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DOWN FROM POSITION AT END OF JUNE 78 MEETING, AND AFTER
CONSULTATION WITIEA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LANTZKE, U.S.
IS NOMINATING RO0ERT D. THORNE, DOE ASSISTANT SECRETARY
FOR ENERGY TECHNOLOGY, FOR THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF CRD.

2. SECRETARIAT IS PRESENTLY CONSULTING OTHER OECD
DELEGATIONS REGARDING THORNE NOMINATIOH AND HAS
REQUESTED FOLLOWING BACKGROUND. (FOR USOECD: PASS
TO BOXER, IEA SECRETARIAT. FOR IEA POSTS: FOR USE AS
REQUESTED BY HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.)

3. MR.THORNE WAS SWORN IN AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF
ENERGY FOR ENERGY TECHNOLOGY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY,
ON MAY 24, 1978. IN THIS POSITION, HE IS RESPONSIBLE
FOR THE DEVELOPMENT IN THE U.S. OF ALMOST ALL NEW

ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES UNDER INVESTIGATION BY IEA, INCLUDING
FOSSIL FUELS R&D, SOLAR, GEOTHERMAL, ENERGY STORAGE,
ELECTRIC ENERGY SYSTEMS, AND NUCLEAR POWER TECHNOLOGIES,
INCLUDING MAGNETIC CONFINEMENT FUSION.

4. MR. THORNE WAS AWARDED A BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN
CHEMISTRY IN 1951 BY THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO. HE
BEGAN HIS CARRER IN THE U.S. ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION
IN 1955 AT THE SAVANNAH RIVER OPERATIONS OFFICE AND
HAS SINCE SERVED AS ASSISTAHT TO THE ASSISTANT GENERAL
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MANAGERFOR DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCTION (AEC), MANAGER
AND DEPUTY MANAGEROF THE SAN FRANCISCO OPERATIONS
OFF;CL (AEC), ACTING GENERAL MANAGER (AEC), AND
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR NUCLEAR PROGRAMS (ERDA).

5. IN 1974, HE RECEIVED THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE
AWARD FOR HIS INNOVATIVE MANAGEMENT AND KEY CONTRIBUTIONS
TO PROGRAMS IN NUCLEAR SAFETY, SAFEGUARD; AND THE
HANDLING OF RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS. HE SUBSEQUENTLY
RECEIVED THE MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD FROM ERDA
FOR HIS PARTICIPATION IN MANAGEMENT STUDIES OF ERDA
OPERATIONS AND THE USE OF FIELD FACILITIES IN
MANAGEMENT AND COMMERCIALIZATION OF ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES.

6. MR. THORNE IS MARRIED TO THE FORMER HELEN SILL;
THEY HAVE FOUR DAUGHTERS AND A SON. VANCE

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